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Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives

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17–28 May 1999
Agenda items 3 and 4

Preliminary review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development

Consideration of further actions and initiatives to implement the commitments made at the Summit

Draft decision submitted by the Chairman

Further preparations for the special session

The Preparatory Committee,

Recalling its decision 2 on issues to be addressed, taken at its organizational session in May 1998, in which, *inter alia*, it decided that the task of the Preparatory Committee is to review and appraise the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development, on the basis of input provided by the Commission for Social Development, and to propose concrete actions and initiatives for further implementation of the Copenhagen commitments,

Recalling also its decision 3 on coordination with the Commission for Social Development, taken at its organizational session, in which, *inter alia*, it recommended that the Commission be entrusted with the responsibility of acting as the forum for national reporting,

Recalling further its decision 6 on arrangements for future sessions, taken at its organizational session, in which, *inter alia*, it decided that the Preparatory Committee would hold its second session from 3 to 14 April 2000,

1. *Decides* to adopt the procedure set out below for preparation of the outcome of the special session, and the indicative calendar for the period leading up to the second session, annexed to the present decision, to ensure the best possible preparation of that session;

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2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange for the convening of inter-sessional, open-ended, informal consultations of the Preparatory Committee during the week of 30 August to 3 September 1999, in order to consider further the Chairman's working draft text (A/AC.253/L.5, adapted to reflect the decision on the role of the United Nations system (A/AC.253/L.7) taken by the Preparatory Committee), including proposals made by delegations, with a view to preparing a new, integrated Chairman's working draft text by January 2000;

3. *Invites* Governments that have not yet done so to submit national reports, taking note of the note verbale of the Secretary-General requesting submission by 30 June 1999;

4. *Invites* the organizations, funds, programmes and specialized agencies of the United Nations system, including the Bretton Woods institutions, and any other organizations which have been requested to provide reports, studies or documentation to the Preparatory Committee at its second session, to make that work available to the Secretary-General no later than 1 January 2000; each of the documents submitted should contain a short, precise summary of conclusions on the assessment of issues and proposals for further action;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available to all delegations a compilation of all the summaries and proposals for further action contained in those documents no later than the end of January 2000;

6. *Invites* the Commission for Social Development, at its thirty-eighth regular session (8–18 February 2000), to undertake the overall review of the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development, and to transmit the results of its deliberations to the Preparatory Committee at its second session;

7. *Requests* the Secretary-General to arrange for the convening of inter-sessional, open-ended, informal consultations of the Preparatory Committee during the week of 21 to 25 February 2000, immediately following the thirty-eighth session of the Commission for Social Development, in order to consider further the new, integrated Chairman's working draft text and the compilation of the summaries and proposals taken from the documentation provided by the United Nations system;

8. *Further requests* the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, on the basis of the outcome of the Commission for Social Development and the inter-sessional, open-ended, informal consultations held in February 2000, to provide a further, revised working draft text to the Preparatory Committee at its second session.

Annex

Indicative calendar

30 June 1999	Submission to the Secretary-General of national reports on the implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development.
30 August– 3 September 1999	Inter-sessional, open-ended, informal consultations of the Preparatory Committee to consider further the Chairman's working draft text (A/AC.253/L.5, adapted to reflect the decision on the role of the United Nations system (A/AC.253/L.7) taken by the Preparatory Committee) including proposals made by delegations, with a view to

	preparing a new, integrated Chairman's working draft text by January 2000.
1 January 2000	Submission by the United Nations system and other organizations of requested reports, studies and documentation, with short, precise summaries of conclusions on the assessment of issues and proposals for further action.
	Presentation of new, integrated Chairman's working draft text.
End of January 2000	Secretary-General to make available to all delegations a compilation of all the summaries and proposals for further action contained in those documents.
8–18 February 2000	Thirty-eighth regular session of the Commission for Social Development, which will undertake an overall review of the implementation of the outcome of the Summit.
21–25 February 2000	Inter-sessional, open-ended, informal consultations of the Preparatory Committee to consider further the new, integrated Chairman's working draft text and the compilation of the summaries and proposals taken from the documentation provided by the United Nations system, with a view to the preparation of a further, revised Chairman's working draft text.
March 2000	Presentation by the Chairman, on the basis of the outcome of the session of the Commission for Social Development and the inter-sessional, open-ended, informal consultations, of a further, revised working draft text to be submitted to the Preparatory Committee at its second session.
3–14 April 2000	Second session of the Preparatory Committee.
26–30 June 2000	Special session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives, Geneva.